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SUBJ: PEKING PARTY COMMITTEE ALLEGEDLY CRITICIZES ITSELF

1. DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSIONS CLAIM TO HAVE HEARD PEKING DOMESTIC RADIO BROADCAST ON APRIL 24 WHICH CARRIED REPORT ON CURRENT MEETING OF PEKING MUNICIPAL PARTY COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO THESE INFORMANTS, WHO REGULARLY MONITOR PEKING DOMESTIC RADIO SERVICE AND WHO ARE USUALLY RELIABLE IN SUCH MATTERS, THE PEKING PARTY COMMITTEE DELIVERED A SELF-CRITICISM FOR ITS ROLE IN THE SO-CALLED "HUANG SHUAI INCIDENT" OF 1973. THE NEWS REPORT ALLEGEDLY INDICATED THAT MOST CRITICISM WAS DIRECTED AT GANG OF FOUR ASSOCIATES CHIH CHUN AND HSIEN CHING-YI (REFERRED TO IN THE BROADCAST AS "THAT FEMALE BLACK GENERAL OF THE GANG OF FOUR") BUT THAT THE PEKING PARTY COMMITTEE ALSO ASSUMED A PORTION OF THE BLAME FOR ITS MISHANDLING OF THE AFFAIR.

2. COMMENT: THIS REPORT SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE TO US. PEKING FIRST SECRETARY WU TEH AND HIS ASSOCIATES, UNDER STRONG WALL POSTER CRITICISM DURING THE RECENT MINI-CAMPAIGN AT TIEN AN MEN SQUARE FOR THEIR ALLEGED PRO-GANG OF FOUR ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE HUANG SHUAI AFFAIR, MAY WELL HAVE FELT OBLIGED TO MAKE PRO FORMA SELF-CRITICISM IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE

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MORE SERIOUS ACCUSATION THAT THEY ARE STILL ENGAGED IN A MASSIVE COVER-UP. PLACING MOST OF THE BLAME ON CHIH CHUN AND HSIEH CHING-YI WILL SCARCELY SATISFY THOSE CALING FOR WU TEH'S SCALP, HOWEVER; THIS TACTIC -- OF CRITICIZING UNDERLINGS WHILE SPARING SUPERIORS -- IS PRECISELY THE TYPE OF COVER-UP ACTIVITY WHICH WU IS CHARGED WITH SPONSORING.

3. USLO WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH ADDRESSEES  
MIGHT HAVE ON REPORTED BROADCAST OR PEKING PARTY MEETING.  
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